

REMARKS

Claims 9-15 are pending. Claims 9-15 are rejected. Applicants have amended the title as requested by the Examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant will submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including all of the cited references, along with payment of the required fee, within the next few days.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Burns. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Burns discloses an inhalation device by which an actuator administers puffs of a pre-set inhalable dose using a signaling device (audible, visual, or tactile) to remind the patient to inhale, and monitors patient compliance.

This is not the inventive method or system of the instant application. There is no disclosure of monitoring a patient receiving human growth hormone (hGH) as an anti-aging therapy, as the claims require. Claim 9 is further amended to require that the hGH is administered by a health professional (fully supported at least in claim 11 so no new matter is added). In contrast, Burns teaches administration by an actuator. Claims 9-12 require monitoring patient responsiveness to the dose; Burns does not require this and monitors only for patient compliance. All the claims require that the dose be administered by an individual (the non-specialist); in contrast, Burns administers the dose using a mechanical device provided with a control mechanism including

a timer, an actuator (which administers the dose), and a signaling device. The claims lack each of these. Claims 9-12 require evaluation by a specialist to determine patient candidacy; Burns does not disclose this. Burns does not disclose communication between a specialist and non-specialist system where the non-specialist administers hGH, as claims 13-15 require.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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